



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
May 9, 2022***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Councilwoman Nancy McAdams, Councilman Bill Stang, Police Chief Paul Anthony, Police Chief Martin Willey, Administrative Assistant Karen Raines and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer by Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the April 11, 2022, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried

Mayor Robert Atkinson nominated Bill Stang to fill the vacant Council seat previously held by the late Councilman Russell Joseph; Seconded by Councilman Donald Trice. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes. Carried

Bill Stang was then sworn into office.

Police Report – Submitted by Chief Paul Anthony, read by Councilman Donald Trice.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. No meeting to report.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell. Read by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.
- Water report - Report submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day, read by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams.
- Streets – Verbal report by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted by Police Chief Anthony and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.



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- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

- ❖ New Business:
 - Hardin Hall – Councilman Donald Trice made a motion to accept the demolition quote received; Seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

 - Basketball Hoops at the Park: Tabled until after a Workshop.

 - Police Announcements – The Police Department announced Chief Paul Anthony’s retirement and introduced incoming Chief Martin Willey. Chief Martin was then sworn into office.

 - Policy Handbook Changes – Councilman Vice-Mayor Mike Smith made a motion to award employees the years vacation time January 1. If an employee leaves employment vacation time will be prorated. To be put into effect immediately; Seconded by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

- ❖ Old Business:
 - Second Reading Resolution Change 411- Water Rates and Penalties – Resolution read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks

- ❖ Good of the Community

Citizen inquired about which wells are running and if well 3 is getting readings.
Citizen inquired about demo funding and if the sewer is still hooked up to Harden Hall.
Citizen inquired how the prorated/vacation payback works, if an employee leaves employment.

Entered into Executive Session: 8:18 pm.
Exited Executive Session: 9:16 pm.

Councilman Donald Trice motioned to adjourn the May 9, 2022, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Administrative Assistant